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SCHEME FOR RURAL ARTISANS BY NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has formulated new schemes for the rural artisans and people of the Scheduled Castes particularly in Maharashtra;and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) and (b): NABARD has not formulated any new scheme for the rural artisans and people of the Scheduled Castes in Maharashtra. However,NABARD has taken various initiatives for the benefit of rural poor including rural artisans and SCs/STs. Some of the initiatives/schemes being implemented by NABARD throughout the country including Maharashtra are as under:-

(i) Introduction of Swarozgar Credit Card;

(ii) Promotion and development of rural non-farm sector by way of refinance which includes rural artisans and unorganized sector under the scheme viz. Composite loan scheme, Integrated loan scheme, Small road and water transport operator scheme and Soft loan assistance scheme for margin money;

(iii) District Rural Industries Project(DRIP) with the objective of removingconstraints/ weaknesses in the development of rural non-farm sector in an organized manner;

(iv) Cluster Development Programme; and

(v) Setting up of Rural Hatts.